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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a request for reissue of the above patent. Prior to reissue examination of this patent, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19, as follows:

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19. A method for detecting a target polynucleotide contained in a sample, comprising
the steps of:
(a) contacting the sample with a first support which binds to the target
polynucleotide;